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SUBJECT: OASGA 10 - BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH

SUMMARY: BOLIVIAN FONMIN GUTIERREZ EMPHASIZED PRINCIPLE OF NON- INTERVENTION, CALLED FOR AN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OPERATING WITHOUT THE EXCLUSION OF ANYONE, REFERRED TO SOCIAL ADVANCES OF BOLIVIAN REVOLUTION OF 1952 AND NEW INVESTMENT INCENTIVES LAW, PRAISED OAS BUT LEFT THE WAY OPEN FOR REVISIONS OF THE SYSTEM, CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MEASURES WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE SELLING OF STRATEGIC STOCKPILE MINERALS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PREJUDICE THE BOLIVIAN AND SIMILAR ECONOMIES, CALLED FOR GIVING PRIORITY TO NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND MADE BRIEF REFERENCE TO TERRITORIAL DISPUTE WITH CHILE. END SUMMARY.

2. REGIONAL ORGANIZATION: GUTIERREZ PRAISED OAS SYSTEM WHILE LEAVING OPEN POSSIBILITY OF STRUCTURAL REFORM, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PROMISED TO GIVE CAREFUL STUDY TO ISSUE. HE OBSERVED THAT PROBLEMS WITH SYSTEM ARE LESS STRUCTURAL THAN THEY ARE MATTER OF ATTITUDES OF MEMBER STATES. IN DISCUSSING REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION HE STRESSED NEED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS IN HEMISPHERE. HE SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF SOME SORT OF MULTILATERAL PROCEDURE FOR ASSURING THAT DISPOSAL OF MINERAL STOCKPILES WOULD NOT PREJUDICE BOLIVIAN AND OTHER ECONOMIES WHICH DEPEND ON PRICES OF

RAW MATERIALS FOR THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT. A DISPOSAL POLICY WHICH DID NOT TAKE LDC INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF COMPLETELY NEGATING EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN ECONOMIES AND STANDARD OF LIVING. THUS, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL.

3. CUBA: GUTIERREZ REFERRED TO AMERICAN COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD BE UNITED " WITHOUT THE EXCLUSION OF ANYONE". BUT HE BALANCED THIS WITH A REFERENCE TO THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE PRINCIPLE OF NON- INTERVENTION AND NOTED THAT NO COUNTRY HAD THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE ITS CRITERIA UPON ANOTHER. IN AN ADDITION TO HIS TEXT HE CHARACTERIZED IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM AS A " SYMBOL OF THE TIME," NOTING THAT IT DOES NOT MEAN NECESSARILY AN ACCEPTANCE OF DIFFERENT VIEWS, BUT SIMPLY SIGNIFIES COMMITMENT TO NON- AGGRESSION.

4. MISCELLANEOUS: IN DISCUSSING BOLIVIA'S OWN PROGRAM DURING THE PAST YEAR, GUTIERREZ MADE REFERENCE TO AN INVESTMENT LAW WHICH WOULD GUARANTEE TO ALL INVESTORS THE RECOVERY OF THEIR CAPITALS IN A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, WITHOUT CONFLICT WITH THE ANDEAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT CODE. FINALLY, GUTIERREZ ADDED TO PREPARED REMARKS A REFERENCE TO TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA, REAFFIRMING HIS FAITH IN DIRECT NEGOTIATION AS A MEANS FOR SOLVING THAT DISPUTE AND HIS CONFIDENCE THAT DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT COULD BE REACHED. ROGERS

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